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SUBJ: BUSINESS TRAVEL: DIRECTOR OF CZECH CENTER OF
VETERINARY SANITATION ESTABLISHMENTS

REF: 10 FAM 916.4

1. TWO OFFICIALS OF CZECH CENTER OF VETERINARY SANITATION ESTABLISHMENTS (USTREDI VETERINARNICH ASANACNICH USTAVI CSR) CALLED AT EMBASSY AUGUST 14 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF VISITS TO INDIVIDUAL FIRMS IN U.S. WHICH SELL OR USE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY IN PROCESSING SLAUGHTERHOUSE REFUSE (FINAL WASTE LEFT OVER FROM BUTCHERING OF ANIMALS WHICH CANNOT BE USED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION) INTO AMINAL FODDER. ACCORDING TO ING. JOSEF KUOVANY AND ING. FRANTISEK BOUSKA, CZECH GOVERNMENT IS TO EMBARK IN 1975 ON MAJOR PROGRAM TO MODERNIZE ABATTOIRS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT CZECH LANDS IN EFFORT TO MORE EFFICIENTLY UTILIZE ANIMAL CADAVERS AS SOURCE OF PROTEIN FOR FODDER. OFFICIALSNOTED THAT CZECH GOVERNMENT INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGE OF PROTEIN SOURCES FOR FEEDING LIVESTOCK, AND DESIRES TO INSTALL LATEST TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT SLAUGHTERING INDUSTRY AS ONE STEP IN RECAPTURING AS MUCH PROTEIN-CONTAINING MATERIALS AS POSSIBLE FOR CONVERSION INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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ANIMAL FEED.

2. TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR PROJECT ESTIMATED AT 250 MILLION CZECH CROWNS, OR BETWEEN \$21 AND \$22 MILLION AT CURRENT TOURIST EXCHANGE RATE (11.07KCS TO ONE DOLLAR). ACTUAL INSTALLATION OF NEW PROCESSES' AND EQUIPMENT IS TO COMMENCE NO LATER THAN 1975 AND IS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION IN 1977.

3. KULOVANY AND BOUSKA WILL ACCOMPANY CENTER'S DIRECTOR, DR. ANTONIN JASEK, ON TRIP TO CANADA AND U.S. IN MID-SEPTEMBER FOR PURPOSE OF LOOKING OVER PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FROM SUPPLIERS IN THIS FIELD. GROUP PLANS TO BE IN U.S. FROM SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26 AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS NEEDS WITH INTERESTED U.S. SUPPLIERS DURING ENTIRE PERIOD. FOR COMMERCE GUIDANCE, CZECHS ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN WESTERN EUROPE: KULOVANY MENTIONED FIRM OF STORK DUKE LOCATED IN WERKSPoor, HOLLAND, AS PRODUCER OF TYPE OF EQUIPMENT IN WHICH THEY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST COMMERCE ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR GROUP WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. FIRMS, INCLUDING PLANT VISITS WHERE POSSIBLE. DR. JASEK EXPRESSLY DESIRES TO SEE U.S. EQUIPMENT IN ACTUAL OPERATION. EMBOFF ADVISED GROUP THAT CHICAGO AND ENVIRONS SEEMED MOST LIKELY AREA IN WHICH CONCENTRATION OF FIRMS INVOLVED IN SLAUGHTERING INDUSTRY WOULD BE FOUND. CZECH OFFICIALS SAID THAT TRIP TO CHICAGO WOULD BE FEASIBLE, IF THEY COULD BE GIVEN ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROGRAM ARRANGED THERE. EMBOFF AGREED TO INFORM KULOVANY AND BOUSKA BY END OF AUGUST OF WHAT-EVER ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEIR VISIT. FULL ADDRESS OF CENTER IS: PISNICE 313, 144 00 PRAGUE 4 - LIBUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WORTZEL

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